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DISCUSSION FOR: Chief of Operations, CI/P

PROJECT: Proposed Community Codeword Control  
mechanism

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1. The proposal of Mr. John [REDACTED] Executive Secretary of USIS, forwarded to you on 29 June, has been reviewed by C/CI and C/FI. In addition C/FI has discussed this with [REDACTED], C/RJ. Following are conclusions recommended for your consideration:

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a. From the point of view of the Clandestine Services there is no security objection to the code mechanism.

b. From the point of view of the Clandestine Services there is no clear demonstration of the need for the mechanism, however, we have to assume that the USIS Secretariat has determined there is a need.

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c. From Mr. [REDACTED]'s point of view PI should not carry the responsibility of supplying the USIS Codeword Control Officer, nor the responsibility of checking with all other USIS agencies to determine the usability of words produced for a master list. Mr. [REDACTED] is quite willing to develop the master list of from 200 to 500 words and to give aid and guidance to a USIS Codeword Control Officer in getting a system started. It is believed, however, that subject officer should be a member of the USIS Secretariat, or, possibly, someone in USIS responsible to the USIS Secretariat.

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It is suggested that rather than making a formal reply to Mr. [REDACTED], you designate C/FI to discuss this subject with him further informally to determine what solution can be arrived at.

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